

1	2	3	4	5
28	Nagaram	Strowger	25	Nil
29	Pirhat	—do—	25	Nil
30	Rasulpur	—do—	50	Nil
31	Ranital	—do—	25	1
32	Simulia	—do—	25	2
33	Rupsa	—do—	25	Nil
34	Sheragada	Electronic	88	Nil

Cashewnut Plantation

2228. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the domestic consumption and export of cashewnut during 1990-91 in the country;

(b) the State-wise production of cashewnut during the above period; and

(c) the additional area likely to be brought under cashewnut plantation in Kerala this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) It is estimated that domestic consumption of raw cashewnut in the country during 1990-91 was roughly 1.63 lakh tonnes and the export of cashew kernels during the same period in terms of raw cashewnut was 2.0 lakh tonnes.

(b) The Statewise production of raw cashewnuts during 1990-91 is given below:—

State	Production (000 tonnes)
2	3
1. Kerala	142.1
2. Karnataka	25.8

2	3
3. Andhra Pradesh	37.8
4. Tamil Nadu	12.5
5. Goa	14.1
6. Maharashtra	29.5
7. Orissa	29.1
8. West Bengal	3.4
9. Pondicherry and Tripura	0.3
	294.6

(c) It is proposed to bring additional area of 200 ha. under cashewnut by planting clonal material in Kerala during 1991-92 under the Central Sector Programme for Integrated Development of Cashew in India. Besides, the Government of Kerala propose to cover 1000 ha. under the State Sector Area Expansion Programme during this year.

Oil Palm Cultivation in Kerala

2229. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to plant more oil palm trees in Kerala,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the oil palm fruits produced during the last three years in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is a proposal to raise oil palm on 5000 ha. in Kari lands of Kuttanad. The proposal envisages developing 200 ha. of oil palm on Kari land as a pilot scheme.

(c) The oil palm fruits produced during the last three years in the plantations of Oil Palm India Limited, Kerala is given below:

1988-89	10,400 MT
1989-90	10,353 MT
1990-91	12,424 MT

S.T.D. Facility in Kollam District of Kerala

2230. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide STD facility in various Telephone Exchanges in Kollam district of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, progressively during the coming years.

(b) The following stations are planned to be provided with S.T.D. facility in Kollam district during 1991-92.

ANCHAL, CHAVARA, OCHIRA & PATHANAPURAM.

(c) The necessary infrastructure is being created.

[Translation]

Production of Foodgrains in Rajasthan

2231. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of wheat, millet and maize have been

declining in Rajasthan during the last last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to arrest the declining trend in foodgrains production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir,

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) To assist the State of Rajasthan for increasing the production and productivity of foodgrains, a Special Foodgrain Production Programme (SFPP)—wheat and maize & millets is being implemented since the last three years.

[English]

Irrigation Projects of Kerala

2232. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation project of Kerala pending with the Union Government; and

(b) the reasons for delay in according clearance to those projects and the time by which those are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) There is only one project, namely, Idmalayar Irrigation Project under the consideration of the Central Water Commission.

The Idmalayar Irrigation Project report for an estimated cost of Rs. 17.85 crores was first received at Central Water Commission in June 1976. The observations on the project proposal were sent to the State Government for compliance. The State Government informed in February 1985 that the project was being